



NEW CITIZEN CAMPAIGN

The New Citizen Campaign seeks to naturalize the over 70,000 Seattle legal permanent residents into U.S. citizens, utilizing multiple strategies that include providing naturalization assistance, broad-based outreach, education on the benefits of citizenship, and engagement with local and national partners.

Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

About Us

Our mission is to improve the lives of Seattle's immigrant and refugee families.

We work to strengthen immigrant and refugee communities by engaging them in decisions about the City of Seattle's future, and improving the City's programs and services to meet the needs of all constituents.

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New Citizen Program

The New Citizen Program (NCP) is a component of the New Citizen Campaign. NCP provides free naturalization services to low-income immigrants and refugees living in Seattle/King County through a consortium of 14 community-based organization partners (see below). Services include citizenship instruction/tutoring, interview preparation, assistance with submitting applications/waivers, and referrals for legal assistance. In-language services are available in Mandarin, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Cantonese, Tongan, Samoan, Korean, Amharic, Tigrinya, Russian, Ukrainian, Romanian, Moldavian, Spanish, Burmese, Polish, French, and Arabic.

Since its inception, NCP has served over 16,000 people, provided naturalization assistance to over 10,080 legal permanent residents (LPRs), successfully naturalized over 7,700 LPRs, and provided over 38,500 hours of instruction.

New Citizen Program Partners

NCP partners are community-based organizations that have deep roots in the communities they serve. They include:

- Asian Counseling & Referral Services
- Chinese Information & Service Center
- Catholic Community Services of Western Washington
- Center for MultiCultural Health
- Filipino Community of Seattle
- Literacy Source
- Jewish Family Services
- Multicultural Self-Sufficiency Movement
- Neighborhood House
- Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
- Refugee Women's Alliance
- Sea Mar Community Health Centers
- St. James Immigrant Assistance
- Ukrainian Community Center of Washington

New Citizen Campaign Action Items for 2016

- A citizenship loan product to reduce financial barriers and increase access to banking services.
- USCIS partnership to promote citizenship and make resources easily available.
- Broad public awareness campaign utilizing ethnic media and social media in multiple languages to highlight the benefits of citizenship.
- New Citizen Campaign web portal will act as a clearinghouse for information and resources relevant to Seattle residents.
- Kiosks at community centers, neighborhood service centers, customer service bureaus, and Seattle Public Libraries to provide information and resources.
- Group processing events and clinics in immigrant-dense neighborhoods.
- New partnerships with national coalitions, local networks, financial institutions, business, labor, and community-based organizations.